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The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) recently conducted the 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz last November 08, 2024 at Teatro Amianan, University of the Philippines Baguio, Governor Pack Road, Baguio City.

The Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) is a national annual contest designed to assess the statistical knowledge of freshmen enrolled in colleges and universities across the country's 17 regions. A total of 18 contestants from different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Cordillera competed in the said event.



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The economy of the City of Baguio further grew from the 155.11-billion-peso economic output in 2022 to 169.12 billion pesos in 2023. The city remained to be the fastest growing economy among all provinces and Highly Urbanized City in the region at 9.0%.

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CAR inflation accelerates to 1.4% in October 2024

The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) accelerated from 1.2% in September 2024 to 1.4% in October 2024. This was the second lowest recorded inflation rate of the region from year to date, following the 1.2% inflation in the previous month. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - CAR

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PSA-CAR conducts the 2022 ASPBI regional dissemination forum

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) held the 2022 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) Regional Data Dissemination Forum and the 2024 Quarterly Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (QSPBI) Regional Respondents' Forum at the Grand Ballroom, Golden Pine Hotel, Baguio City last 26 November 2024.

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From L-R: Dir. Villafe P. Alibuyog (PSA-CAR), Zachary Ezekiel T. Cabalan (SLU), Carl Joseph T. Secusana (UP Baguio), John Kenneth Z. Abalos (SLU), and Joseph S. Tabadero, Jr. (PSHS-CAR Campus)

The PSQ consisted of three rounds equivalent to one point for each question answered correctly in the first two rounds, and two points for each correct answer in the third round. Each round consisted of ten questions. However, only the contestants with cumulative scores of at least 10 points for the first two rounds were qualified to proceed to the third and final round. The questions for the three rounds were mostly statistical computations.

A contestant from the University of the Philippines Baguio bagged the championship while two contestants from Saint Louis University won second and third places. The names of the winners and their coaches were as follows:

Champion: Carl Joseph T. Secusana
Coach: Dr. Rizavel C. Addawe
 University of the Philippines Baguio

2nd Place: Zachary Ezekiel T. Cabalan
Coach: Clarenz B. Magsakay
 Saint Louis University

3rd Place: John Kenneth Z. Abalos
Coach: Clarenz B. Magsakay
 Saint Louis University

Mr. Carl Joseph T. Secusana will be the representative of CAR competing for the upcoming 28th Philippine Statistics Quiz National Finals that will be held on December 05, 2024 in Metro Manila.

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The estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the city in 2023 continued to surpass the pre-pandemic level by 16.26 billion pesos.

Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (PSA-CAR) Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit, Jr. reported that among the 16 industries, Manufacturing accounted for the largest share of the city's economic output with 20.8%. This was followed by Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 16.3% share, Financial and insurance activities, with 13.9% share, and Accommodation and food service activities, with 9.7% share.

In 2023, the per capita GDP of the City of Baguio was estimated at 455,399 pesos. This was 8.4% higher than recorded per capita GDP of the previous year. The 2023 per capita Gross City Domestic Product (GCDP) surpassed the regional and national per capita GDP of 195,162 pesos and 186,476 pesos, respectively.

The Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) dissemination forum of the City of Baguio was conducted last 11 November 2024 at Fortune Hongkong Seafood Restaurant, Baguio City. This was attended by Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media.



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Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit Jr. reported that the main sources of acceleration of the October 2024 inflation were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages which contributed a 94.8% share.

The major contributors to the October 2024 inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 44.9% share, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 25.0% share, and Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 11.4% share.

Mountain Province had the highest inflation rate among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 4.0%. This was followed by Abra with a 3.5%, Kalinga with 1.7%, Apayao and Baguio City with 1.6%, and Ifugao with 4.0%. The province of Benguet posted a deflation rate of 0.2%. Only Ifugao recorded a deflation in September 2024 with -1.1%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in CAR with 2018 as base year decreased to 80 centavos in October 2024. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 80 centavos in October 2024.

The Chief Statistical Specialists and their representatives of the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices in CAR presented the inflation report of their respective provinces. The online dissemination of the October 2024 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 13 November 2024 via Google Meet. This was attended by 50 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media.

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Discussions centered on the preliminary results of the 2022 ASPBI. Mr. Aldrin Federico R. Bahit, Jr., Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA-CAR, presented the overview of the relative increase of establishments from 2021 and other significant results for 2022.

Senior Statistical Specialist Jerwin C. Resuello of the PSA Central Office presented the the role of QSPBI data in figuring pp the Gross Domestic Product of the Philippines

The latter open forum became a platform for valuable discussions on various public inquiries, including the implications of emerging technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) on regional employment. The panel reassured participants that PSA will broaden the scope of the survey in the future to include variables related to technology and AI to address their growing impact on industries.



Questions were also raised about the disaggregation of data specific to Baguio City. The PSA clarified that detailed statistics for Baguio are disseminated separately through the Provincial Product Accounts (PPA). Additionally, a suggestion to measure how many people access and utilize these data was proposed to reflect the stakeholders' interest in enhancing the reach and application of statistical products. In response, the panel promoted the products of PSA and highlighted the Data Enclave program specifically.

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During the dissemination forum, awards were given to the following establishments:

2022 ASPBI Exemplary Respondents:

Abra

1. Abra Electric Cooperative (ABRECO)
2. Adtempco Coopmart

Apayao

3. Isneg Builders & Development Corporation
4. City Saving Bank Inc.

Benguet

5. Texas Instruments Phils Inc.
6. Porta Vaga Mall
7. Aurochs Aerospace Precision Manufacturing Corp
8. King's College of the Philippines
9. La Trinidad Water District
10. Goldrich Construction & Trading

Ifugao

11. Good News Clinic & Hospital
12. RBG Computer Cellshop
13. Lagawe Multipurpose Development Cooperative
14. Ifugao Water District

Kalinga

16. Almora General Hospital
17. Holy Trinity Clinic

Mountain Province

18. Mountain Province Electric Cooperative (MOPRECO)

2024 QSPBI Exemplary Respondents:

Abra

1. Jollibee Bangued Abra

Apayao

2. Isneg Builders & Development Corporation

Benguet

3. Baguio Water District
4. Bonchic
5. La Trinidad Water District
6. King's College of the Philippines
7. Goldrich Construction & Trading
8. Jollibee – Baguio Magsaysay

Ifugao

9. Lagawe Highlands Rural Bank Inc.

Kalinga

10. JC BAAC Construction Corp
11. Almora General Hospital
12. JVA Diagnostic Center and Medical Surgical Clinic
13. Kalinga College of Science and Technology Inc.
14. VUC Highland Developers Inc.
15. Teckon Quarrying
16. Omengan Construction and Development Corp
17. Kalinga Apayao Electric Cooperative Inc.

Mountain Province

18. Mountain Province Electric Cooperative (MOPRECO)

GANGSA



A *gangsa* (gong) is an indigenous musical instrument of the Igorots ("people of the mountain") of the Cordillera region. It is usually played during cultural celebrations, rituals and festivities. It is a cultural symbol of fellowship and unity among the Igorots.

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